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SUBJECT: NEW MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO FRG, ROBERTO ROSEN-
ZWEIG-DIAZ

1. THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED MARCH 2 THAT
ROBERTO ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ WOULD REPLACE RAUL VALDEZ AGUILAR
AS AMBASSADOR TO THE FRG.

2. ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ HAD BEEN MEXICO/S PERMANENT REPRE-
SENTATIVE TO THE UN, AND CONCURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TO THE
BAHAMAS, FROM JANUARY 1976 TO JANUARY 1978. HE IS A
CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO ENTERED THE MEXICAN FOREIGN SERVICE
IN 1946. HE HAS SERVED IN SWEDEN, GREAT BRITAIN,
BRAZIL (COUNSELOR AND CHARGE D'AFFAIRES 1961 TO 1965),
FRANCE (MINISTER-COUNSELOR 1968 TO 1969) EL SALVADOR
(AMBASSADOR 1970 TO 1973), AND EGYPT, SYRIA, AND ALGERIA
(AMBASSADOR, CONCURRENTLY, 1974 TO 1975). HE HAS ALSO
HELD IMPORTANT JOBS IN THE SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELAT-
IONS, INCLUDING CHIEF, TREATY DEPARTMENT; CHIEF, UN
DEPARTMENT; AND PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE UNDER SECRETARY
(ALFONSO GARCIA-ROBLES WHO LATER BECAME FOREIGN MINISTER).

3. ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ WAS BORN JUNE 30, 1924. HE RECEIVED
A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM OXFORD
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UNIVERSITY. HIS FATHER, ALSO A VETERAN DIPLOMAT, SERVED
AS MEXICO'S AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN IN 1942-1945 AND
AMBASSADOR TO THE SOVIET UNION FROM 1953 TO 1960. HIS
BROTHER, ALFONSO ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ, JR., IS ONE OF THE
THREE UNDER SECRETARIES IN FOREIGN RELATIONS AND IS RE-
SPONSIBLE FOR MULTILATERAL AND LEGAL AFFAIRS. (HE WAS
THE CHIEF MEXICAN NEGOTIATOR FOR THE RECENT TRANSFER OF

PRISONER TREATY BETWEEN THE US AND MEXICO). ROBERTO IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER MARGARITA DE OLLOQUI, WHOSE BROTHER JOSE JUAN DE OLLOQUI, IS A FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE US AND CURRENTLY THE UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR BILATERAL AFFAIRS AND ECONOMIC MATTERS.

4. WHILE AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT, ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ WEATHERED A REPORTED ATTEMPT TO BE MADE THE SCAPEGOAT FOR THEN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S BLUNDERING ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT A MEETING BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL DURING HIS TRIP TO THE MID-EAST IN AUGUST OF 1975. HIS SURVIVAL COULD BE SEEN AS EVIDENCE OF HIS STRONG CONNECTIONS, AS WELL AS HIS RECOGNIZED COMPETENCE.

5. ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ IS DESCRIBED AS ACCESSIBLE AND AMIABLE. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH AND FRENCH. LUCEY

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